



## CURRICULUM SUMMARY

**Elevator Pitch:** “What the *Alpha* course did for evangelism, *The After Party* does for politics.”

**What is it?** *The After Party* (TAP) is a 6 session video based curriculum that promotes a Christ centered political identity amidst the current toxic polarization. The course is designed for small groups (i.e. church small groups, book groups, seminars in Christian higher education, etc.), but will also include an option for individual engagement.

**Where do you take the audience?** The audience journey begins by first locating oneself as identifying with one of the three common political identities: *Combatant*, *Cynic*, *Exhausted*. TAP calls participants to move from their particular starting point towards the *Learner* identity — a move which is the essence of becoming a “disciple.” **Encouraging Christians to adopt the *Learner* identity in politics — with Jesus as our Teacher — is the key goal of the course.**

**What does that mean?** To illustrate this “Learner’s Journey” with more spiritual substance, the course presents three key Biblical truths about politics that disciples are invited to *learn*:

- 1. How vs What:** Jesus teaches much more clearly about the “how” of political engagement than the “what” of specific parties, policies, or politicians. The Jesus “how” is aptly summarized by the Micah 6:8 triad of virtues: humility, mercy, and justice.
- 2. The True Us vs Them:** We want to alert Christians that the partisan mind divides humans with an “Us vs Them” mindset. This mentality opposes the “mind of Christ” that is rooted in the truth that Christ has created only an “Us” gathered around the cross. When we fall into the Us. vs. Them mentality in politics, we’ve been defeated by our true spiritual enemy, the dark “powers and principalities” that seek to divide humanity.
- 3. The After Party:** Just like our true enemies are not “flesh and blood,” neither are they our saviors. Our deepest fears and hopes will never be answered by the victory of any political party or politician, but rather only by the wedding feast of the Lamb, which marks the return of our King Jesus. This truth should radically relativize and humble all of our “flesh and blood” political allegiances.

**How will it be experienced?** The primary TAP curriculum guides participants through a creative combination of teaching by David French, Russell Moore, and Curtis Chang, testimonials from others, interactive exercises, and group discussions. We anticipate a follow up content stream that will feature short segments from other Christian leaders that reflect the diversity and unity of our message. The course will be made available via the website of Redeeming Babel, the organization behind TAP.